

Commission ; these suggestions are to be carefully considered by the Council before the nomination.

"(c) In order to ensure adequate rotation the Council shall endeavour to nominate at least two candidates for every vacancy. From among these the Commission shall select the required number of Commissioners by paper ballot."

(ii) AN OPEN LETTER TO THE BY-LAWS COMMITTEE*

Gentlemen :

The Commission stands highly grateful to you for the thought and labour that you have devoted to the preparation of the draft constitution which has already been laid before the Commission and which is now being published for the information of the zoological public and to elicit their constructive suggestions.

The decision not to publish this draft as an adjunct of the Code suggests that certain matters already included in Chapter XVII of that instrument might well also be entered in the constitution where they are very pertinent, and possibly even eventually eliminated from the Code after the constitution has been ratified and become operative. The Commission has no finances, hence cannot be compelled to discharge certain duties that your draft would lay upon it. In submitting your report, you as a committee have become inactive and I do not wish to compel your reactivation as a body by requiring you to answer the questions that I raise, and possibly to amend your report as a consequence. For this reason I take the liberty of suggesting certain supplements and amendments to what you have proposed. I hope that they will meet with your individual approval, and of course, they are all subject to improvement in wording. They will serve as a basis for broadening discussion and phrasing of the final provisions at the next meeting of the Commission. They are set out in detail in the accompanying Addendum.

More than this, there are bound to be zoologists and there are some commissioners whose judgement does not accept as wise all of the innovations that you have proposed. In order that they may not be at the disadvantage of having no formulated proposals on the opposing side to lay before the next meeting, I am writing out some such that may be used in opposition to corresponding committee proposals, in case anyone wishes to champion them.

Yours respectfully,

J. CHESTER BRADLEY,

President of the International Commission
on Zoological Nomenclature

The above letter and the Addendum accompanying it have our approval.

A. DO AMARAL, Vice-President
N. D. RILEY, Hon. Secretary.

*See Secretary's note p. 357